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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED UP 1 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., January 21, 2005 -- Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.3 million cattle on feed on January 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was up 1 percent from last year and 7 percent above January 1, 2003.

Placements during December totaled 390,000 head, up 11 percent from 2003 and 15 percent above 2002.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of December totaled 380,000 head, up 12 percent from last year and 3 percent above December two years ago. Other disappearance during December totaled 10,000 head, the same as 2003 and 2002.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and 6 percent above January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent above 2003 but 1 percent below 2002. Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, 2 percent above 2003 but 7 percent below 2002.

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